BAR HILL NEWS

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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
28 APRIL AT 7.30 pm
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For changes to other Stagecoach services, contact Stagecoach.

Copy date for the next issue is 15th April to Margaret Sellars at bhneditor@yahoo.com, or see page 2 for other contact details.

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Bar Hill News

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The Objectives of the Association are to act as an intermediary between the Residents and other parties, to keep residents informed of matters of importance and recreation in and around the Village, and to promote the interests of Bar Hill. Opinions expressed in this publication and not necessarily those of the Association. **Anonymous letters will NOT be published, but names and addresses may be withheld.** However, these may be made available should a written request be received. This is a private publication and may not be reproduced in any way without the prior permission of the Bar Hill Residents' Association Committee.

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All matters relating to advertising should be addressed to the Advertising Co-ordinator (see above – email to bunty.waters@ntlworld.com)

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The ¼ page ads are for local businesses and we guarantee publication. This often results in a waiting list and, to help overcome this problem, we provide maxi and mini ads. These appear throughout the publication and we cannot guarantee their inclusion due to restrictions of space.

EDITORIAL

There is no charge for **Articles, What's On, For Sale and Lost and Found,** and these appear at the Editor's discretion. Please submit items by 15th of the month.

All telephone numbers without an area code are Crafts Hill (01954).

All items can be submitted **electronically on disc or to bhneditor@yahoo.com, or hard copy via Parish Council Office.**

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All forms should be returned as soon as possible to guarantee your place but no later than 10th May 2011. Please supply an email address. We will be sending confirmations by email where possible. If you have any questions please contact me on 01954 201421/07734 690580 or email barhillfete@hotmail.com. Thank you.

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Dear Editor
Please could I thank the person/persons who allowed their dog to go to the toilet on my front garden between Friday evening (11th) and Saturday morning (12th March) in The Brambles. Just because I do not have a fence around my front garden it doesn't mean it is a public toilet.

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Dear Editor
I am concerned at the amount of dog walkers in the village who are not clearing up after there dogs. It is very unpleasant and can be very dangerous. I recently saw a trail of dog mess on the path near the B frame,. It's not the dog's fault but the owners. If you let your dog off the lead watch what it's doing, don't just ignore it. If it makes a mess pick it up and put it in a bin or take it home and put it in you own bin. A pack of 100 nappy sacks costs just 9p from Tesco. So please for everyone's sake be responsible for clearing up after your dog: you are giving those of us who do pick it up a bad name.
Kathy Hall
66 The Brambles

FRIENDS OF BAR HILL LIBRARY

Our latest talk, open to all

Arthur Brooks, of the Madingley American Cemetery
American Cemetery: Past, Present and Future in the Library on 27 April at 7 pm
Tickets £3; half-price for Friends – please get your ticket in advance from Library staff if possible

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

This month I have decided to try to answer a couple of questions that have been asked:-
What is a Veteran?
A Veteran is someone who has served in the Forces.
Why don't you do more for the young people in Afganistan?
Whilst they are still serving assistance comes from their Unit or Regimental Benevolent Fund. After these avenues have been used there follows other Charities (Help for Heroes, S.S.A.F.A. R.A.F.B.F. R.B.L. etc) These other avenues have to be requested and remember they all have limited funds provided by donations (such as the Poppy Appeal) When these funds run out either more is needed by donations or appeals to the Goverment. For any information go to the R.B.L.'s website. (w.w.w.rbl.org.)
Mary Shubotham 01954 781553

Today I interviewed Mani, the PCSO for our village. PCSO stands for Police Community Support Officer, with the emphasis on **support.** Mani visits our village regularly, calling at the school to talk to the staff and children, the library to talk to the Post Master, Hari, and the library staff and to the shops in the village. His role is to support, advise and reassure the community, and to listen to any problems they may have with which they think the Police can help.

Mani does foot patrols around the village, and patrols in the car, and will shortly be calling at every house in the village to talk to the occupants. PLEASE DO NOT BE AFRAID if you see him coming to your door – he will ask you if you have any problems in your neighbourhood with which you think the Police can help. Try to think about this before he comes so that you are ready to talk to him.

One thing Mani is trying to help with is the re-forming of Neighbourhood Watch. There are some co-ordinators who are already functioning but we would like more people to come forward. If you think this could be something you could do please contact nwatchbarhill@hotmail.co.uk.

Mani submits reports regularly on e-cops. If you have access to the internet I urge you to join e-cops where you get regular emails updating you on Police activity in this area. It's very simple to join and it's free: simply log on the Cambridgeshire Constabulary website and follow the instructions to join. Mani also gives regular reports to the Parish Council about crime/incidents in the village.

The Community Beat Officer for the village is Clare Reeve and you will see her if you have been involved in a crime or a witness to one. She spends most of her time on crime-related enquiries.

Margaret Sellars
Editor

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20 April	Black bin
28 April **(Thursday)**	Green and **blue bins**
5 May **(Thursday)**	Black bin

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The Friends of the Rosie Hospital are helping to make the Rosie a more comfortable environment for mothers and babies. If you have any spare ribbons, red or yellow yarns we are in urgent need of your donation.

At our AGM on 7th March, Kate Evans showed us pictures of the items The Friends of the Rosie had purchased for The Rosie during 2010. She then described her wishes for the development of the existing wards after the new build is complete.

Community Market, The Octagon, Bar Hill, Cambridgeshire

Saturday 2nd April 10.30 am to 12.30 pm

Addenbrooke's Outpatients, Cambridge

There will be a stall in April for buying Easter gifts

The Farmland Museum, Waterbeach, Cambridge

Monday 2nd May 10.30am to 5.00pm

Follow Friends of the Rosie's blog at http://rosieinstitches.blogspot.com/ for up-to-the minute information and Rosie in Stitches facebook photo album at http://www.facebook.com/album.php?aid=29767&id=154676434572021&l=5d15bc2ade .

We are registered for donations through eBay at http://donations.ebay.co.uk/charity/charity.jsp?NP_ID=35736 and some of our items are for sale in our eBay Charity Store at http://shop.ebay.co.uk/rosieinstitches2010/m.html eBay member 1234_orridge is also listing items for the benefit of The Rosie in memory of his daughter Leah. Take a look and support him if you can.

There are links to IWOOT, The Skate Hut, Great Days Out, Moo.com, Oak Furniture Solutions, GLTC, Garden Bargains, Habitat, Laura Ashley and Domino pizzas on our website at www.rosieinstitches.org.uk/links.htm.Go to their websites through ours by clicking on the shop you want. A percentage of your shopping bill will then come to The Friends of the Rosie Hospital as a donation. Start shopping today for Mother's Day gifts and Easter presents.

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If you can improve our website, provide transport for our volunteers or display a small selection of our wares please contact a member of the committee, details are given on our website at www.rosieinstitches.org.uk/volunteering.htm.

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FRIENDS OF BAR HILL LIBRARY

The first of our talks for 2011

Come along to the Library on 27 April at 7 pm to find out about more about Madingley American Cemetery, the world-renowned memorial to American servicemen based in the United Kingdom who lost their lives in the Second World War. Our speaker is Arthur Brooks, and his subject is **American Cemetery: Past, Present and Future**.

Tickets £3; Friends £1.50. We have been known to run out of space, so you are recommended to get your ticket in advance.

Coffee mornings

For those who would like to meet and make friends in the Library, there will be a **coffee morning from 10 am on Thursday 7 April. If you miss that, make a note of Thursday 5 May**, the date for the next one. There was a record attendance at our March coffee morning. Thank you to the twenty-five people who came to enjoy one another's company and to show your support – do come again!

Reading Circles

Our Reading Circles continue to meet: one in members' homes and the other in the Library. We discuss a wide range of books – recent titles include P.D. James's Norfolk-based detective novel *Devices and Desires*, and Philippa Gregory's thought-provoking novel based on the slave trade, *A Respectable Trade*. We could fit in one or two more people. If you are interested you will find a form to complete on our noticeboard in the Library. Discussing books you have read with others gives you a new insight, whether the author is one of your favourites or not.

Bar Hill Community Market
Saturday 2nd April
Saturday 7th May
In the Octagon
10 am - 12.30 pm

We are please to say that we now have regular stalls providing us the opportunity to buy fresh fruit and vegetable, jams and chutneys, homemade cakes and confectionery. Also the market is now full most months with many individual items of jewellery, cards, bags and much more. All these items are great as individual presents for friends and family. So please come along and join us even if you only want a coffee and chat.

For more details ring Karen 01954 781085 or Sue 01954 200875

Bar Hill Sports and Social Club

The Sports and Social Club is situated on the top floor of the Village Hall. You can watch live sports on our two large TV screens in HD, play pool, darts, skittles and cribbage or enjoy a quiet drink in our conservatory bar. Visit our website for the latest news, www.bhssc.org.uk

What's on in April?

Saturday 2nd April - Membership draw night
Saturday 16th April - Membership draw night
Saturday 23rd April - Steve Marshall the Hypnotist
Sunday 24th April - Kids Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday 30th April - Membership draw night.
Back by popular demand,
Steve Marshall, the Hypnotist. Come and see this amazing act on Saturday 23rd of April.
Start around 9 pm.

Looking Ahead...

See our website, www.bhssc.org.uk, for details of future entertainment.

BHSSC Supports Saturday Football Team.

The Saturday Afternoon Team are second in the BIS 4B league with 4 games in hand. They are 1 point behind the leaders Wisbech St Mary A and still haven't lost a game (won 15, drawn 1).

April League fixtures

Saturday 2nd, 1605, away to West Row Gunners Reserves.
Saturday 9th, 1500, Away to Cottenham United A.
Wednesday 13th, 1815, Home to Haddenham Rovers Reserves.
Saturday 16th, 1500, Away to Murrow Bell
Tuesday 19th, 1815, Away to Haddenham Rovers Reserves
Saturday 23rd, 1500, Home to Longstanton Reserves
Saturday 30th, 1500, Away to Chatteris Town A.
Wednesday 4th May, 1815, Home to Soham United Reserves.
Follow the Team's progress at www.barhill-football.org.uk.

Not a Member?

New members are always welcome, first year membership is £8. Pop in to have a look around and a drink. Please ask the doorman or bar staff for a membership form. See our website for opening times. The club also has a junior membership for 16 and 17 years olds. This is a one off payment of £5 and is valid until full membership can be obtained at 18.

Andrew Wilkin
01954 781881 (BHSSC)

BAR HILL COLTS F.C

Congratulations to our Under 15 team who have reached the final of the Knockout Cup after a thrilling 4-3 win over Whittlesford in the semi-finals.

The Rangers play Warboys Colts at the Cambridge Stadium, Trumpington Road, on 10th April at 10.30 am. It would be great to see a large contingent from Bar Hill there to cheer them on.

A League and Cup double is still possible. The Rangers recent win over closest rivals Littleport saw them return to the top of the League after two weeks in second place.

Reports on both matches are to follow, but first here are the latest results:-

MATCH RESULTS

12th/13th February

U8 BH Foxes 5 – 1 Coton Cosmos
U10 BH Ravens 1 – 8 Cottenham
U12 Cotenham Utd 0 – 0 BH Bombers
U12G Haddenham Rovers 3 – 1 BH All Stars
U13 BH 2 – 6 Isleham
U15 BH Rangers 2 – 4 Chatteris

19th/20th February

U8 BH Foxes 4 – 1 Hardwick
U9 BH Bullets 2 – 4 Cottenham Utd
U12G Sawston 6 – 0 BH All Stars
U15G BH Spitfires 0 – 7 Burwell

26th/27th February

U10 Willingham 1 – 4 BH Ravens
U13 BH 3 – 3 Little Paxton
U15 Whittlesford 3 – 4 BH Rangers (KO Cup Semi-Final)

5th/6th March

U9 BH Bullets 2 – 2 Over Sports
U10 BH Ravens 2 – 6 Cambridge Celts
U12 Haddenham 2 – 1 BH Bombers
U15 BH Rangers 3 – 0 Littleport
U15G BH Spitfires 0 – 7 Sawtry

All 'Stars' in the making

A big well done to **Teegan Hayden-Evans**, **Hannah Stepney**, **Jess Curry** and **Milla Llusca-Geller** of the Under 12 Girls' Team.

They have been picked to take part in coaching sessions run by the Cambridge Girls Development Centre Youth Scheme by the coaching team from the Centre that recently visited Bar Hill Primary School.

Day of the Underdog

Whittlesford Warriors 3 Bar Hill Rangers (U15) 4
KO Cup Semi-Final
27th February 2011

On the same day that lowly Birmingham City beat the mighty Arsenal in the League Cup final, Bar Hill Rangers from Division D triumphed over Whittlesford Warriors from Division C.

After a slow start from Bar Hill, Whittlesford were two goals up after just twenty minutes. Bar Hill at last began to attack on the half-hour mark and were rewarded with a goal on thirty-six minutes from **Harry Sorenson** following a superbly delivered corner kick. A minute before half-time, **Matt Childs** clearance was sent on by **Harry Sorenson** to **Jo Northfield** who cooly slotted in the equaliser. 2-2 at half-time.

A refreshed Rangers dominated the opening minutes of the second-half and on forty-four minutes **Harry Sorenson** headed his second goal from a **Matt Childs** cross. With Bar Hill now well on top they were awarded a free kick just outside Whittlesford's box. The kick was placed neatly under the cross bar by **Jo Northfield** to make it 2-4. The midfield of **Tom Clark**, **Alex Mendez** and **Ashley Skelton** were now dominating the game but the Rangers just couldn't add to their tally. With only two minutes of normal time left Whittlesford capitalised on a rare error to make it 3-4. Bar Hill then had to hang on for an incredible six minutes of added time before they could claim their victory and enjoy the roars of delight from their supporters.

Even the League Cup Final later in the day couldn't match this for excitement!

Back to the Top

Bar Hill Rangers 3 Littleport 0
6th March 2011

The match started with Bar Hill second in Division D and Littleport first by one point having played a game more.

The first twenty minutes saw the Rangers having more of the possession but chances were few for either side. Then on twenty-one minutes a great ball from **Matt Childs** allowed **Jo Northfield** to head home the oprning goal. After pinning Littleport down in their own half for the next seven minutes **Jo Northfield** scored his second goal to make it 2-0. The few Littleport attacks were snuffed out by **Kieron Welch** in just his second game for the team and by goalkeeper **Ben Loraine**.

The second half saw Bar Hill continuing to dominate the game but wirh Littleport waiting to pounce if the pressure even slightly eased. **Jo Northfield**, **Matt Childs** and **Tom Clark** all came close before **Jack Willers** headed home from a corner on seventy-five minutes.

The 3-0 win saw the Rangers return to the top of the League. The return leg at Littleport is eagerly awaited.

A fine Ravens display

Willingham Wolves 1 Bar Hill Ravens 4
26th February 2011

The Ravens found themselves unexpectedly playing at Willingham after the Bar Hill pitch was declared unplayable that morning.

Ali Rees hit the opener after some great interplay in midfield. Moments later, **Harry Sargent** shot from the edge of the box and the ball deflected off a Willingham defender into the net. Bar Hill were 0-3 up at half-time following a low shot from **Ali Rees**.

After the break **James Debono** scored with a trademark left foot finish. In the final minutes Willingham scored a consolation goal but this took nothing away from a fine Ravens display.

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If you would like further information on DCATCH then please ring 0845 04 54 014 and ask for Denis Green or send an email to denis.green@opportunitylinks.co.uk

Alternatively check our website www.familiesandchildcare.org.uk and click on the DCATCH link.

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Speed Boxes

Be aware that there are boxes around the village which are monitoring the speed of motorists! Reduce your speed – or pay the consequences!

RSPB Fen Drayton Lakes, for April

Our information point at Holywell Lake car park will be operating the "summer" schedule from the beginning of April. That is every Saturday, Sunday and bank holiday from the beginning of April to the end of October. Thanks to one well-known couple, we can be out for an extra day at the end of April.

To get there from Bar Hill, take the A14 to Cambridge Services, follow signs to Swavesey and you'll see the brown sign with the RSPB logo. The car park is about 1.5 miles from the Welcome sign (turn right at a T-junction 1 mile after that sign), and go 300 yards beyond the guided busway.

Spending a whole weekend in a car park may not sound exciting, but it can be (and is always preferable to a weekend in the office). We get to meet many interesting people – some we see most weekends; others are visiting for the first time and want to know what's about and where to walk. We also see a lot of birds from there – in recent years, we've recorded over 120 different kinds just from the car park!

Fine spring days are when we may see migrating birds of prey passing over – perhaps an osprey heading to Scotland – and local birds doing their courtship and territorial displays. Last spring, several wheatears rested on the field next to the car park before continuing to the moorland breeding areas.

Of course, much happens away from the car park, so whenever possible at weekends and bank holidays, we'll have someone at a viewpoint to show visitors something interesting. You will be able to find out about the daily highlight at the Holywell Lake car park.

Neil Renwick, Community Projects Officer,
T: 01954 233267 or E: neil.renwick@rspb.org.uk
Our address is RSPB, The Grange, 20 Market Street, Swavesey, Cambridgeshire CB24 4QG.

Events in April, all begin at Holywell Lake car park, with a guided walk charge of £1 for children, £2 for RSPB members, £4 for others.

Wednesday 13th, 10 am-1 pm – Wednesday Wander
The first of a new series of guided walks, on the second Wednesday of each month, searching for seasonal highlights in the natural world

Sunday 16th, 10 am-1 pm – International arrivals guided walk
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Sunday 24th, Saturday 25th, noon-4 pm – Family discovery trail.

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More details at www.rspb.org.uk/fendraytonlakes

Family Fun Day at Bar Hill Church

Why not spend some quality time with your children and come along to the church, every 2nd Sunday of the month at 3 pm for;

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Bar Hill Church 2011 Holiday Club

Children are invited to join us for this year's Bar Hill Church Holiday Club.

Dates: Monday, 25th to Friday 29th July 2011
Times: Mon, Tues and Thurs 9.30 am to 1 pm
Wed 9.30 am to 5:45 pm
(followed by a family tea)
Friday 9.30 am to 1 pm
6.15 pm to 7.30 pm

For further details please Bar Hill Church Office on 01954 206120

HAPPY HOURS

We started the month with our speaker from "Cards out of Africa" about how the people of Rwanda are trying to help themselves by making cards and selling them with the help of people in this country.

Some of our members went on a Valentine's trip to Eastbourne staying at the Albany Hotel which comes highly recommended. A stop at Tonbridge Wells, then visits to Worthing on a wet and very windy day: a coast ride through Pevensey Bay to historic Battle and on to busy Hastings, on a lovely sunny day when a walk on the sea front was a joy. Our month ended with a second speaker, Rodney Dale, who spoke of the Halcyon Days of Vintage Motoring. What an adventurous and exciting life, learning about how to build and restore these old cars, some of which are still in existence today.

On a good note, we welcomed two new members – Frances and Cheryl - to the Club and we hope they will enjoy their time with us. Our best wishes go to those members who are not so well.

Helen Collins
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The officers of the Management Committee are:

Chairperson	Alan Hewings
Secretary	Paul Thorby
Treasurer	Jairo Marin

The Allotment Society

Anyone interested in renting space to grow their own produce can be put on our waiting list for membership. Please contact Keith Morris on 782441.

Any other allotment matters should be addressed to bhallotment@hotmail.com

Bar Hill Tennis Club

VISIT OUR WEBSITE
www.barhilltennisclub.co.uk FOR ALL CLUB INFORMATION & MEMBERSHIP FORMS

We invite all current, lapsed and new members to come along and play on the courts. Please encourage your family, neighbours and friends to come down to our club social nights to play some tennis. We welcome players of **all** abilities. Tennis is an excellent way to keep fit and enjoy the summer evenings in a relaxed and friendly environment.

Our Adult Club nights are Tuesdays and Thursdays 7 to 9pm and Club fees this year are unchanged!! Club nights start 3 May 2011.

Annual Membership fees :

1st April 2011 to 31 March 2012: These become due on 1st April. We have kept the subs at the same price as last year so you can all enjoy the courts at no extra costs:

Adult - £40.00

Junior - £15.00 *under 17 or under 19 if in full time education*

Family Membership - £80. This covers one or two adults living at the same address plus children living with them under 17 or under 19 if in full time education. Guests of members may occasionally use the courts accompanied by members for £2 per person/ session.

Free Open Nights

The Club is opening for 4 nights at the start of the new season. The sessions are 3.30 pm to 5 pm and 7 pm to 9 pm on the following nights:

Tuesday 3 May
Thursday 5 May
Tuesday 10 May
Thursday 12 May

Wimbledon Tickets

The Club has a limited number of Wimbledon tickets which are raffled and won by Club members who are registered through the LTA website for British Tennis Membership.

Contacts:

Kevin Jackson (Chairman) 01954 781150 (visltd@yahoo.co.uk)
John Suchocki (Treasurer) 01954 780 461 (j.suchocki@talktalk.net)
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NEW BRIDGE FOR WOODLAND WALK

A new bridge has opened for Mansell Wood, Oakington, as part of Cambridgeshire County Council's work to improve the health and environment for local communities. This bridge provides access to a brand new permissive footpath, creating a countryside walk between Oakington and Histon. The new path runs over County Farms land and links up to the new Centenary Woodland, planted last year with Forestry Commission funding, to celebrate 100 years of the Farms Estate. The new path allows walkers to enjoy a quiet walk away from roads, and a loop can be formed by returning to Oakington along the public footpaths or the Busway bridleway / cycle path. A plan showing the new route is available on our website at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/council/property/estate/farms

GOVERNMENT BACKS CAMBRIDGESHIRE'S COMMUNITY TRANSPORT PLANS

Transport ministers have endorsed Cambridgeshire's County Council groundbreaking plans to improve community transport with a £258,000 cash boost for the project

The review will not just look at buses but also engage with communities to come forward to find local solutions that could work locally and improve transport and access. Schemes such as community transport, car sharing or pool vehicles which are successful elsewhere could all be looked at if local communities think it could work for them

John Reynolds

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7 April	Birthday Party (members only)
5 May	Talk on the work of the Mercy Ships
2 June	Garden Party (members only)
7 July	Sue Edwards - Life as the secretary to the Mayors of Cambridge

COFFEE AND KIDS

Coffee and Kids is run by Bar Hill Childminders for parents, carers and childminders of babies and pre school children. It is a very informal session held in the Octagon on Thursday mornings (term time only) from 9.45 am to 11.15 am. The price of £2.00 per family/childminder includes hot drinks for the adults and soft drinks and healthy snacks for the children. We have a large range of indoor and outdoor toys and a safe soft play area for babies. Call Debbie on 07516488723 for more details.

Bar Hill Childminders

If you are thinking of going back to work or would just like to have a bit of time to yourself, then why not leave your child in a friendly family environment with a Childminder who is Ofsted registered, fully insured and First Aid trained. Childminders offer a wide range of activities including trips out to local toddler groups and parks, arts and crafts, music, stories and much much more. If you would like to find out more you can call any of the childminders listed below or just come along to our Coffee and Kids session on Thursday mornings between 9.45 am and 11.15 am.

CHILDMINDERS WITH CURRENT VACANCIES:-

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Karen	07930196319
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Melanie	204496
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Tracey	201918

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We will be holding regular open days at the start of each term for our new starters (who will receive an invitation nearer the time). If you are interested in coming to look around too, please phone us to book your place, or if you would like us to send you some information and a registration form. Alternatively you may prefer to e-mail us at s.gedny@ntlworld.com Hiring the rooms

The pre-school room is available to hire for parties and functions. The current charge is £7.50 per hour (a minimum charge applies). Booking forms are available in the lobby area or by calling Janine on 07879613731.

Under 1's

Come along to our under 1's group for chat, meet other parents and refreshments.

Every Tuesdays Term time only

In the Octagon building at 9.30 –11.30 am

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If you would like to know more, please contact Norma on 01954 201508.

If you would like to come and feel that you would like to meet with Norma before hand, please call as above.

***** For Under 1's and up to walking age only.*****

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Interested residents are always welcome at our meetings which are normally held on the second Monday of the month in the Parish Council Office at 8 pm. The next meeting will be on 11 April.

AGM on MONDAY 16TH MAY AT 8 PM IN THE PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE

Come and see us and give us any suggestions you may have for our village which you think the Residents' Association can help with. Wine, soft drinks and refreshments!

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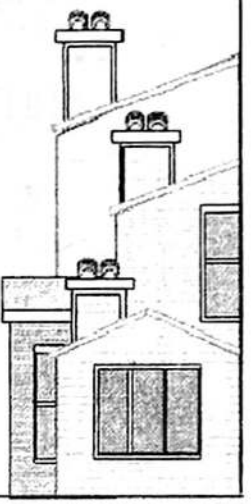

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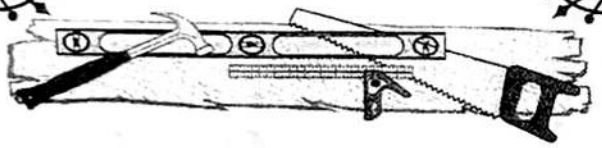

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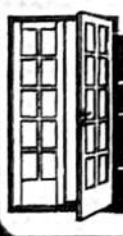

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Session welcomes all children aged from 0-4 years old.

We provide an opportunity for parents/carers to meet new people.

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(Puzzles, Books, Arts and Crafts, Duplo, Dressing up, musical instruments and lots more)

We also have outside toys used in our secure garden, weather permitting.

Snacks and drinks are offered - we also cater for different dietary requirements.

If you would like to come to our group and feel that you would like to meet up with us beforehand please call Ruth on 07915602144 for more information.

Bar Hill Children's Centre is now firmly on the map.

The Centre, although small, is packed with interesting toys and activities for under 5's and their parents, and we are all now quite fond of the very orange paintwork!

We particularly enjoy our strong working partnerships with our health colleagues. Every week a member of the Children's Centre team attends the joint clinic run by the Health Visitor and Midwife at Willingham Surgery meaning that we meet most new parents in the area and introduce them to the services offered by the Children's Centre.

Our newest venture is to introduce a late opening session. **For a trial period we are opening on a Thursday evening from 5-7 pm,** so that we are accessible to working parents, or anyone else that finds that time easier.

SCOUTS IN BAR HILL

Thanks to grant funding more local youngsters than ever have been able to join the 1st Bar Hill Scout Group.

The Grand Charity donated £5,000 to Cambridgeshire Scouts with the aim of increasing the number of youth members, and 1st Bar Hill Scout Group were fortunate enough to be able to share in the funds. Some of the money has been used to make the building a more inviting place - with welcoming lights, an updated sign and a coat of paint inside.

In the space of a few short weeks scouting volunteers were also able to take part in a school assembly and then follow this up with an open evening. Boys and girls of all ages were invited to come and experience scouting first hand, enjoying experiments using every day household products to create rocket balloons, volcanic eruptions and practice secret writing.

Rohan Platts, Cub Pack and Scout Troop Leader said "These activities have already led to 7 more Beavers and Cubs joining in the fun each week, but there is still room for others who would like to find out what they are missing out on!"

Scouting is open to boys and girls aged 6+, as well as any adult who simply believes they are young at heart. To find out more contact Rohan Platts via rohan-platts@hotmail.com or 01954 261055, or visit the county website at www.cambridgeshirescouts.org.uk

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(Near the Health Centre and Octagon)
Tel: 780456
Email: bhillpc-1@btconnect.com

Parish Council Web Site – www.barhillpc.org.uk.
This will keep you up to date on current affairs in the village including meeting minutes and agenda.

Litter Picking Day

It's that time of year again! Please join the wonderful volunteers we have in the village for our litter picking day on Saturday 16th April at 10 am, meeting up outside the Parish Council office at 10 am where bags, gloves and litter picking sticks will be provided.

Hedging

Due to the current economic climate we have had to make cut backs this year so the Parish Council is asking residents to take a look over their garden fences and if you see any weeds or brambles that need to be cut back, please help the Parish Council by cutting these back yourselves. Obviously if it's too big a job, then contact me and I will arrange for an inspection with a view to having this done some time during the course of the year.

Parish Council Meetings

The next monthly Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday 21st at 7 pm in the Parish Council Office and all members of the public and press are welcome to attend. There is an Open Forum at the start of the meeting for residents to put their views across. Please come along if you have an issue to raise, or if you just want to see what goes on at our meetings.

HANDY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Streetlights: 0800 253529 quoting the CCC No. (written on lamppost).

South Cambridgeshire District Council: (03450 450500) - this has changed!!

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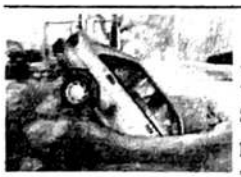

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Follow the County Council on Facebook or Twitter.

VILLAGE HALL

To book or contact us at the village hall, please telephone 01954 782414 and leave a message (speak slowly and clearly please) and we will call you back within 24 hours Monday-Friday, OR e-mail us on barhill.villagehall@btconnect.com. We look forward to hearing from you.

During the week we have all the following groups and clubs.

Mon	Helene Jones Dance	3.30-8.15 pm
Helene's class is run in school term times only		
Tues	Shotokan Karate	5.45-8.00 pm
Tues	Danielle (Aerobics)	8-9.00 pm
Wed	Helen Jones (Dance)	4-6.45 pm
Wed	Daniel (Aerobics)	7-9 pm
Thurs	Children's Martial Arts	4.15-5.15 pm
Thurs	Weightwatchers	7.00-8.00 pm
Fri	Martial Arts	6.30-8.30 pm
Sat	Danielle (Aerobics)	8-9 pm
Sun	Martial Arts	10 am-12 noon
Sun	Bingo (doors open 7.15)	7.45-9.30 pm

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The seconds start their league season away to Soham II on May 7, with their first home match against March Town IV the following week. Also in their league are Witcham II, Sutton II, Histon III, Elsworth II and Willingham II.

We also have a programme of Sunday friendlies, including the annual **Chairman's Challenge** between the cricket club and the social club, which is set for **Sunday May 29.**

Before the season begins, we will be taking part in **NatWest Cricket Force** weekend on April 9, when we will be working on the pitch and tidying our storage container. Help from members will be appreciated and all **volunteers will receive a free gift!**

New members of all ages and abilities are always welcome. We have **no annual membership fee,** making us one of the best-value clubs in the area!

Please may I remind members who have not already done so that I need annual membership forms returned as soon as possible.

Members and supporters might like to know that we have a new range of customised club clothing on sale via our website. The address is **www.barhillcricket.org.uk**

Visit us for more information on the club and our activities, or call me on the number below.

Paul Stimpson
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Our children enjoy a wide range of inspiring equipment, games and craft activities, from pool to computer games, dressing up to craft and lots more, or if they prefer they can chill out on our comfy sofas. We also use the safe environment of the school playground for outdoor play. A snack, such as pasta, filled pittas etc followed by a biscuit and fresh fruit is provided. We make birthday cakes to celebrate each child's birthday, which we share.

We are registered with OSTED: this enables parents/ guardians who are eligible, to claim up to 70% of their childcare costs. We are also able to accept childcare vouchers eg Fair Care and Busy Bees.

Our opening hours are:

Term Time 3.10 pm – 6 pm Monday to Friday
School Holidays 8.15 – 6 pm Monday to Friday

Our fees are:

Term Time £3.95/hour for 1st child and £3.50/hour for siblings, which includes the snack.

School Holidays which also include the snack have special day rates:

8.15 am – 6 pm £26.00 (£2.66/hr)
8.30 am – 1 pm £14.00
1.15 pm – 5.30 pm £14.00
10 am – 12 pm Holiday craft sessions £5.00/Session

We are now pleased to be able to offer childcare to 3 year olds, both after Pre-School and during the school holidays.

Whether you are looking for full time, part time or just occasional childcare, or our special holiday craft sessions, we are able to offer all of these. Please feel free to contact us if you would like any more information or would like to come along and see what we have to offer.

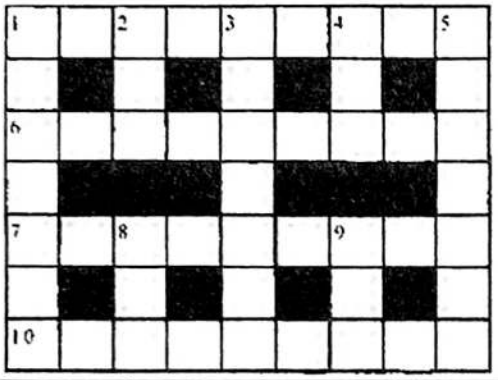
Patsie Ostler

PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG

Solution for March

Across: 1 hatchment, 6 circulate, 7 surpassed, 10 Wednesday.

Down: 1 hacksaw, 2 tar, 3 haulage, 4 era, 5 Tuesday, 8 red, 9 sad.



Clues for April

Across: 1 Cheshire town, 6 benefits from a will, 7 more than one dinosaur, 10 a popular hobby.

Down: 1 disturbance, 2 Scots exclamation, 3 singalong, 4 away from home, 5 using a lathe, 8 golfing term, 9 a Japanese sash.

Bar Hill Ecumenical Church - Services for April 2011

A modern church for a modern village. Please join us on a Sunday to find out what happens inside; you will be made very welcome.

Sun 3rd	10 am	Holy Communion
	6:30 pm	Evening Worship
Sun 10th	8 am	Holy Communion
	10 am	Morning Worship
	3 pm	Family Fun
	6:30 pm	Evening Worship
Sun 17th	10 am	*Palm Sunday* Holy Communion
	6:30 pm	Evening Prayer
Thurs 21st	8 pm	*Maundy Thursday* Holy Communion
Fri 22nd	12:30 pm	*Good Friday* Service
Sun 24th	6:30 am	*Easter Day* Dawn Service
	10 am	Holy Communion
Wed 27th	10 am	Holy Communion

A Roman Catholic service on Saturday evenings at 6 pm

People to contact:

The minister: Rev Ruth Adams Tel: 01954 789369

Church Centre Manager: Tel/Fax: 206120 (office hours Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9.30-10.30)

Websitewww.barhillchurch.org.uk

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Mass at Bar Hill Octagon Saturdays: 6 pm First Mass of Sunday

Masses in the Parish Church in Cambridge

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 8 am and 12.15 pm
Tuesday 8 am and 7.30 pm
Saturday 6 pm First Mass of Sundays
Also 5 pm at The Ark, Cambourne, and 6 pm at Bar Hill Church Centre

Holydays of Obligation 8 am, 10 am, 7.30 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday 6.45 pm (not after Mass)
Saturday 10.30 – 11.15 am, 4.30 – 5.15 pm, 7 – 7.45 pm

Details of other services are published in the weekly newsletter which is available at the 6 pm Mass each Saturday – copies are available in the Church Centre.

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Our ethos is to ensure a high quality of care and education by focussing on each individual child's ability, interests and we encourage their development throughout the Early Years Foundation stage.

Our key person and buddy system enables our Early Years team to meet the needs of individuals through planning child focussed next steps.

We have a snack bar where all children in turn prepare a variety of healthy balanced foods for themselves and peers twice a day.

Snack times help children to develop independence through preparing, making choices, serving food and refreshments.

We pride ourselves in providing outstanding Parental/ Carer partnership and use communication diaries to encourage working together.

Moving on sessions

These sessions are for children in their final year at Pre School. This is a more structured session preparing children for school entry.

Flexible childcare and Early Years funding

We are registered for and offer 15 hours free flexible childcare for the term after a child's 3rd birthday.

Play Tots sessions

These are held in both settings for Parents/Carers and children up to 5 years old including babies. We have lots of fun and have a large selection of indoor/ outdoor activities including our soft play den and toys especially for the tots.

Sessions are held on a pay as you play basis. Drinks and healthy snacks are provided.

Tuesday 9.15-10.45 Village Hall Setting
Thursday 1.15-2.45 Church Centre Setting

For more information please contact either Pre School on the above numbers or feel free to pop in and meet our Managers and Early Years team during session times.

Our session allocation Co-ordinator Sarah is always on hand to support you through the registration process. Email: enquiries@barhillpreschool.co.uk

We look forward to meeting you and your child.

NATIONAL WOMEN'S REGISTER

NWR is a countrywide network of autonomous groups of lively minded women. We promote friendship and self confidence, share ideas, discuss topics, listen to speakers and enjoy social events.

April 14th Planning Meeting with cheese and wine
Venue: Marie-The's

April 28th Write a letter to your 16 year old self! With the benefit of hindsight what words of wisdom would you give your younger self? Venue: Zoya's

The Bar Hill group meets informally on alternate Thursday evenings and we pay just £1 per meeting to cover costs. All women are welcome. If you would like more information, or someone to accompany you to a meeting please do not hesitate to call Kaye Fuller on 782403 or or Jenny O'Dell on 201269. NWR can also be found on www.nwr.org.uk,: why not have a look!

Congratulations

Mr and Mrs Mayer had a baby boy on the 24th February and have named him William James. We all wish them the very best.

Citizens' Café A huge thank you to everyone who supported the Café. We raised almost £100!

PTA We are very appreciative of our PTA who have raised £4000 to buy new reading books for our children. They have also given us £2000 to develop the Infants' outdoor area. Many thanks to the parents who came on the 12th of March to assist us in the redevelopment of this area.

Bike It! The school has been involved in this project in conjunction with Sustrans which promotes cycling. This enabled us to have cycle racks installed in front of the school during the summer holidays. During March we took part in The Big Pedal and recorded the number of cycle journeys to school each day for 3 weeks into the national virtual Round Britain cycle race. We were pleased to see the number increasing during the event. To see how we got on log on to www.thebigpedal.org.uk and look for Bar Hill School.

Voucher Time! We will be collecting vouchers from Tesco and Sainsbury this year and also Nestle box tops for education. If you have any you would like to give to the school please drop them off at the school office or leave them in our box in the Post Office.

Red Nose Day We had a very successful day on the 18th of March and will let you know how much we raised next month. Many thanks to everyone who supported us in this charity event.

Easter Holidays School resumes for the summer term on Wednesday 27th of April. School is open on Thursday 28th, closed on Friday and Monday and re-opens on Tuesday 3rd of May.

Kind Regards *Lin Whyte* and staff.

Alternative Vote Referendum

On 6th May, the same day as the South Cambridgeshire Local Government Elections, we will be asked whether we want to change the voting system for parliamentary elections from the current one vote one person system (in which the candidate who gets the most votes is elected) to a system called the 'alternative vote'.

In this system, which is currently used in Australia and two of its former dependencies, each voter is presented with a list of candidates which they are invited to rank in order of preference. When the votes are counted they are first allocated according to the number of 'first votes' for each candidate.

If no candidate gets more than 50%, the candidate who got least 'first votes' is eliminated and their votes re-counted to see what the second preferences are of those voted for them as first preference.

These votes are then awarded to each of the remaining candidates. If there is still no-one with more than 50% of the votes the next lowest candidate is eliminated and their votes re-allocated on the basis of their voters' third preference and so on until one candidate finally gets more than 50%.

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This information is printed on the back of the information you have received about your Council Tax.

Direct Debit is still the easiest way for residents to pay - and also offers best value for money for the Council. If you'd like to find out how to set up a Direct Debit contact 01954 713119.

Please contact us should you need any help or information using the contact details below. District Councillors: Roger Hall, 11 Almond Grove, Bar Hill, CB23 8DU. Tel 01954 780304
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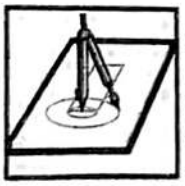

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The Future of Street Lighting

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In Cambridgeshire we have over 20,000 street lights which are over their 25 year design life and within that figure about a 1,000 are over 40 years old. There are also a further 20,000 columns which within the next few years will add to that figure.

The role of street lighting is primarily to light up residential and town centre areas, roundabouts, road junctions and other parts of the network we call conflict areas. Our lighting is provided for road safety purposes. Inevitably street lighting also has a role in reducing crime and the fear of crime and we do work with the districts to support their initiatives where we can.

Could we switch off or dim lights in the future?

The standard output specification does include for dimming up to 40%. Remotely each lantern light level can be changed or even switched off. It also reports whether the light is out.

What about the Impact on Carbon Emissions?

Carbon emissions are produced as a result of producing electricity and the street lighting service is presently a high emitter of carbon. This project, through the PFI credit investment will be able to reduce the energy required for the street lighting stock at the end of the 5 year capital replacement programme. There will be a reduction to the carbon emissions by about 4,000 tonnes per annum, and at present levels of carbon trading, the future levels of saving could be about £48,000 per annum.

John Reynolds

(John's report has been edited – if you would like the full version please contact him on 01954 200571 or email him at j.e.reynolds@ntlworld.com.

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